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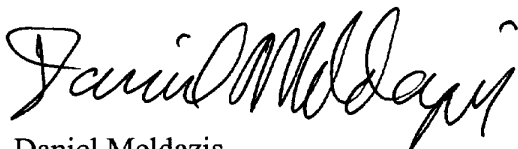
VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Dear Secretary Salas:

Please find enclosed the original and four copies of Focal Communications Corporation of New Jersey's IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan for the State of New Jersey for filing with the FCC. Two copies of this plan are also being sent to Al McCloud of the Network Services Division.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 895-8272.

Sincerely,



Daniel Meldazis  
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**FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY  
NEW JERSEY INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY PLAN**

**INTRODUCTION**

Focal Communications Corporation of New Jersey ("Focal") will initiate the process that will give end user customers the opportunity to designate a carrier for their intraLATA toll call traffic in those market areas where Focal is a facilities-based local exchange service provider. IntraLATA toll calls will automatically be directed to the designated carrier without the customer having to dial an access code.

**POLICIES**

Focal will deploy two-PIC (Primary Interexchange Carrier) technology in its switches. This technology will enable customer to presubscribe to the same or a different carrier for their intraLATA and/or interLATA service.

Appropriate tariffs will be revised and filed in accordance with this plan.

Focal will offer customers the ability to access all participating carriers by dialing the appropriate access code (10XXX/101XXXX).

All eligible Focal end user telephone line numbers will be presubscribed and will have a PIC associated with them. It will be possible to have a "No PIC" option in place. If a customer has a no PIC option, that customer will have to use dial around codes to access intraLATA carriers. A PIC can be "frozen" by the customer if requested.

**CARRIER INFORMATION**

Interexchange carriers will have the option of offering intraLATA service only or intraLATA and interLATA service.

Interexchange carriers will have the option of participating in all market areas or in a specific market area.

Interexchange carriers will be required to return a completed Non-Disclosure Agreement and Participation Agreement(s).

Focal will not participate in billing disputes for intraLATA service between alternative, competing interexchange carriers and their customers.

Focal representatives will not initiate or accept three-way calls from alternative interexchange carriers to discuss presubscription.

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Carriers wishing to participate will be requested to submit Access Service Requests/Translation Questionnaires to the Access Tandem owner and to Focal.

### **CALL ELIGIBILITY/TOLL DIALING PLAN**

A local service customer of Focal will have calls routed according to the following plan:

If a Focal Customer Dials:	The Call is Handled By/Routed To:
911	PSAP on originating line number
411/555-1212	Focal Directory Assistance Operator
0-	Focal Operator
0 + intraexchange number	IntraLATA Toll Provider
1 + 7 or 10 digits	IntraLATA Toll Provider
0 + 7 or 10 digits interexchange number	InterLATA Toll Provider
10XXX or 101XXXX +0-	XXX/XXXX Carrier
10XXX or 101XXXX +0+7 or 10 digits	XXX/XXXX Carrier
10XXX or 101XXXX + 7 or 10 digits	XXX/XXXX Carrier

If a Focal customer originates a call to a carrier Operator by dialing 0-, the call will be routed to the PIC on that customer's line. If the customer originates a call to a carrier Operator by dialing an access code (e.g., 10XXX/101XXXX + 0-), the call will be routed to the XXX/XXXX carrier. In both cases, the carrier's switch is responsible for routing this call to the carrier's Operator or to an announcement.

### **NETWORK INFORMATION**

All originating intraLATA traffic will initially be routed via the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) Access Tandem(s). Following conversion, direct trunks between the Focal switch and the interexchange carrier location(s) may be provisioned where traffic volumes warrant.

Interexchange carriers must have Feature Group D trunks in place (or ordered) between their point of presence and the incumbent LEC Access Tandem(s).

Focal will route all originating intraLATA traffic to the designated carrier and will only block traffic at the request of the end user customer and/or in compliance with regulatory requirements. Requests from carriers to block traffic or to remove customers from their network will not be honored. Calls that cannot be completed to a carrier will be routed to an announcement.

### **CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION**

Focal customer contact representatives will process customer initiated PIC selections to Focal or to an alternative intraLATA carrier. Carriers will have the option of allowing the Focal representative to process PIC requests on their behalf.

Focal will not ballot or allocate their customer base. Focal customer contact representatives will not comment on a customer's choice of its intraLATA PIC when the customer contacts Focal to change the PIC.

Focal customer contact representatives will respond to customer inquiries about intraLATA carriers in a competitively neutral fashion. If a customer requests information relating to carriers other than Focal, a list of participating carriers will be read to that customer in random order by Focal representatives.

If the intraLATA toll carrier selected by the customer permits Focal to process orders on its behalf, Focal will accept the PIC change request. If the customer selects an intraLATA toll carrier that does not allow Focal to process PIC changes on its behalf, Focal will provide the customer with the carrier's toll-free number (if provided by the carrier).

Focal representatives will not discuss alternative carrier rates or services and will not provide customers with Carrier Identification Codes or access code dialing instructions.

### **PRE SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION**

A \$5.00 PIC change charge will be incurred and billed to a Focal customer for each eligible line where a PIC change is made. Focal will offer its customers a 90-day grace period following Plan implementation during which the customers may change intraLATA carriers without a PIC change charge. Customers can make multiple PIC changes during these 90 days at no charge. After the 90-day period, Focal will assess the \$5.00 PIC change charge. Focal offers interexchange carriers the option of having the PLC charge billed to the carrier or to the customer.

New line customers, including customers adding lines, will have the opportunity to select a participating carrier, or they will be assigned a NO PIC designation. If a customer cannot decide upon an intraLATA carrier at the time of order, Focal may extend a 30-day period following placement of the customer's service order for the customer to select an intraLATA carrier without charge. Such a customer will be assigned a NO PIC designation in the interim. After this 30-day period, Focal will assess the \$5.00 PIC change charge as described above. Customers assigned a NO PIC designation, as set forth in this paragraph will be required to dial an access code to reach an intraLATA carrier's network.

If a Focal customer denies requesting a change in intraLATA toll providers as submitted by an intraLATA carrier, and the intraLATA carrier is unable to produce a Letter of Agency signed by the customer, the intraLATA carrier will be assessed a \$30.00 charge for the unauthorized PIC change and the PIC will be changed as per the customer's request, in addition to any other penalties authorized by law.

Alternative interexchange carriers may submit PIC changes to Focal via a fax/paper interface.

Focal will process intraLATA PIC selections in the same manner and under the same intervals of time as interLATA PIC changes.

Carriers will be required to submit PIC changes using the Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE) format via paper medium. Focal will provide carriers with PIC order confirmation and reject information not using the CARE format. Specific details regarding CARE will be provided to participating carriers.

For customers who change their local service provider from the incumbent LEC to Focal and retain their incumbent LEC telephone number(s), Focal, as part of the CARE PIC process, will provide the selected intraLATA carrier with both the retained (incumbent LEC) telephone number and the Focal telephone number.

Dated: April 21, 1999